

SENATE RESOLUTION 62
By Jackson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Kim Grayson Menke of Jackson.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Kim Grayson Menke; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Menke was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Kim Menke served with acumen and alacrity as the Assistant District Attorney for the 23rd Judicial District, earning the respect of his peers, his clients, and the judges before whom he appeared; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Oak Ridge Junior-Senior High School in Orlando, Florida, in 1965, Mr. Menke attended Wake Forest University, where he was a member and President of its chapter of the Theta Chi fraternity, and graduated in 1969; and

WHEREAS, following his move to Nashville in 1971, Mr. Menke worked with Traveler's Insurance Company and the Whirlpool Corporation while attending the Nashville School of Law; he attained his Juris Doctorate from the school in 1979; and

WHEREAS, in his ascent to the position of Assistant District Attorney, Kim Menke established a sterling reputation for unequivocal fairness and unwavering dedication to his clients as he worked for the law firm of Howell and Fisher in Nashville and practiced law with Allan Kerns in Dickson; and

WHEREAS, he was a valued and upstanding member of the Tennessee Bar Association and the Tennessee Attorney Generals Conference; and

WHEREAS, possessing a deep appreciation for his community, Mr. Menke rendered sterling service on the Dickson City Council for four years, was heavily active in the Dixie Youth Softball Association, and served as a soccer referee for the Dickson Youth Athletic Association; and

WHEREAS, Kim Menke was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Menke was the proud father of Kristen Elizabeth Menke and Emily Ann Menke; he will be sorely missed by his father, Lieutenant Colonel Edward Harry Menke; his brother, Mark Menke; his sisters, Deborah Menke and her husband Tom Berlin, and Susan Menke; his nephews, Gabriel and Michael Berlin; and many other family members. He will also be fondly remembered by his closest companion, Kay B. Welton; and

WHEREAS, Kim Menke leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Kim Grayson Menke, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family, friends, and loved ones of Mr. Menke.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.